

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7798

Petition of Waitsfield-Fayston Telephone Company, Inc.,)
d/b/a Waitsfield Telecom, d/b/a Champlain Valley)
Telecom, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(2), for)
suspension or modification of the interconnection)
requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 251(b))

Order entered: 11/14/2011

PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM

BACKGROUND

On September 23, 2011, Waitsfield-Fayston Telephone Company, Inc., d/b/a Waitsfield Telecom, d/b/a Champlain Valley Telecom ("Waitsfield"), filed a petition with the Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") for suspension or modification of the interconnection requirements relating to number portability pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(b)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"). Waitsfield also requests suspension of the timing of any applicable arbitration periods under § 251(b) of the Act.

A prehearing conference was convened in this docket on November 3, 2011. The following parties entered appearances: Paul J. Phillips, Esq., Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer PC, for Waitsfield; Andrew Raubvogel, Esq., Dunkiel Saunders Elliott Raubvogel & Hand PLLC, and Michael C. Sloan, Esq., *pro hac vice*, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, for Comcast Phone of Vermont LLC ("Comcast"); and Megan Ludwig, Esq., and James Porter, Esq., for the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department").

INTERVENTION

During the prehearing, Comcast made an oral motion to intervene in this proceeding. Hearing no objections from the parties I granted the motion. No other parties were present or

identified at the prehearing conference who wished to seek intervention in this proceeding. At the prehearing conference, after discussion with the parties, I established a deadline of November 17, 2011, for motions to intervene.

SCHEDULE & MOTION FOR ADMISSION

The primary topic of discussion was the schedule for this proceeding. Waitsfield and Comcast distributed two separate versions of a proposed schedule. After discussing the two different schedules, the parties agreed on a merged schedule with modifications, and I ruled that the merged schedule will serve as the basis for the working schedule in this proceeding. Upon further discussion, the parties also agreed to a 7-calendar-day response period for rolling discovery on Waitsfield and a 3-business-day turnaround time for responses to discovery requests on Comcast. The schedule reflects a goal of issuing a proposal for decision in this proceeding by March 7, 2012.

The parties briefly discussed Comcast's Motion for Admission of Michael C. Sloan, Esq., *pro hac vice*, for the purposes of representing Comcast in this proceeding. Hearing no objections from the parties I granted the motion.

After discussion with the parties, I have adopted the modified schedule as set forth below:

November 3, 2011	Prehearing Conference
November 17, 2011	Deadline for Intervention Motions (Motions may be filed at any time prior to the deadline. Other parties shall file responses to such motions within 7 calendar days of the time the motion is filed.)
December 5, 2011	Prefiled testimony from Waitsfield
December 6, 2011	Rolling discovery on Waitsfield begins (responses due within 7 calendar days)
January 5, 2012	Last day for propounding discovery on Waitsfield (subject to 7-calendar-day response period)
January 13, 2012	Prefiled testimony from Comcast

January 17, 2012	Rolling discovery on Comcast begins (responses due within 3 business days)
January 27, 2012	Last day for propounding discovery on Comcast
January 30 and 31, 2012	Technical Hearings
February 10, 2012	Filing of legal briefs
February 17, 2012	Reply briefs
March 7, 2012	Target date for Hearing Officer's Proposal for Decision (comments on Proposal for Decision due within 7 calendar days)

So ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 10th day of November, 2011.

s/Jay E. Dudley

Jay E. Dudley
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: November 14, 2011

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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